



Please **drop** a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

| C mpt If Known | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Application Number | 09/965,929 |
| Filing Date | 09/28/2001 |
| First Named Inventor | R.W. Byren |
| Group Art Unit | 2882 |
| Examiner Name | Thomas D. Courtney |
| Attorney Docket Number | PD00W129 |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

RECEIVED

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

**Examiner
Signature**

Courtney Thomas

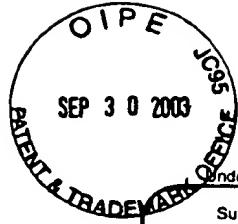
Date
Considered

05.17.04

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.
DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



SEP 30 2003

JC95
JUEGOS
Ond

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08A (04-03)
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

Approved for Use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SM

Sheet 1 of 1

| Complete if Known | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Application Number | 09/965,929 |
| Filing Date | September 28, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Robert W. Byren |
| Art Unit | 2882 |
| Examiner Name | Thomas, C.D. |
| Attorney Docket Number | PD-00W129 |

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

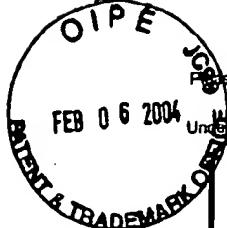
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Examiner Signature | Courtney Thomas | Date Considered | 05.17.04 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|

¹EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ²Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ³See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ⁴Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

PTO/SB/088 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U. S. Patent and Trademark Office: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Do not file if you do not have a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

| | | | |
|--|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449B/PTO | | Complete If Known | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT | | Application Number | 09/965,929 |
| (use as many sheets as necessary) | | Filing Date | 09/28/2001 |
| | | First Named Inventor | R.W. Byren |
| | | Group Art Unit | 2882 |
| | | Examiner Name | Thomas D. Courtney |
| | | Attorney Docket Number | PD00W129 |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 2 |

RECEIVED
6-17-2004

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

**Examiner
Signature**

Courtney Thomas

**Date
Considered**

05.17.04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.
DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.